



Idaho Conservation League

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Re: Idaho Conservation League comments on the rule draft No. 2 Docket No. 58-0101-1001-Crop Residue Burning

Dear Mr. Bauer,

I am writing on behalf of the Idaho Conservation League in regard to the negotiated rule draft No.2. For thirty-six years, the Idaho Conservation League has been Idaho's voice for clean water, clean air and wilderness-values that are the foundation of Idaho's extraordinary quality of life. As Idaho's largest state-based organization we represent over 9,500 members – many of whom have serious concerns about air quality in Idaho.

I am concerned about the proposed change from a NAAQS standard to the Air Quality Index (AQI). This change would lesson the public health protections in the current program. The information and rationale I have seen for this proposed change has not convinced me that this is an acceptable change. I wanted to make sure our position on this issue is clear in advance of the next meeting.

It is my understanding that the September 2nd meeting will focus on air quality and public health issues and I look forward to more information on this topic.

Sincerely,

s/Courtney E. Washburn

Courtney E. Washburn
Community Conservation Director